

# GALLATIN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

September 2008

## Awards Banquet

Come join us as we celebrate another 4-H year and honor some well deserving members and leaders.

**When:** September 22, 2008

**Where:** Beall Park Community Center, 415 N. Bozeman

**What Time:** 6:00 Dinner, 6:30 Awards

**Pre-register, call 388-3213 by September 17, 2008**

**Cost:** \$3.00 per person/\$15 max family

Families with last name starting with **A-L**, please bring a **salad or side dish**.

Families with last name starting with **M-Z**, please bring a **dessert**.

### What Is Provided

Dinner - main dish  
Coffee & Punch  
Plates & Plastic tableware



## Enrollments for the 2008-2009 4-H Year

Enrollment packets are available at the 4-H office for pick up — the deadline to re-enroll without late fees is October 31st. Regular enrollment fees are \$15 per member - \$30 per family (**not including the leader membership**) - \$5 per leader - \$5 per Cloverbud.

Enrollments received after **October 31st** will be charged a \$5 late fee per member/leader. Each additional month after that will be an additional \$5 per month with a maximum of \$15.00 per member or leader. You may pick up your enrollment forms and Clovers at the Gallatin County 4-H office. If you have any questions call us at 388- 3213.



## Important Information about Shooting Sports Enrollments

4-H members must be at least 9 years old as of October 1, 2008 in order to enroll in any shooting sports project. This includes air rifle, air pistol, archery, and small bore. If you have any questions, please call the 4-H office.

## Congratulations to Anne Lambrecht!

She won the Montana State Fair with her lamb. She also competed at the Montana Fair in Billings, placing 4th.

## Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting

**YOU'RE INVITED** - The next meeting will be held on September 9th at 6:30 at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. As always, all 4-H members, leaders and families are invited to attend these meetings.

## Needed - New Council Members

The 4-H Council is a group of volunteers who set the policy and guidelines for 4-H in Gallatin County. The council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Elections will take place at the Awards Banquet. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving on this board, please call the 4-H office at 388-3213 The Unlimited Leaders Council will have various positions open for the 2008-2009 4-H year. Please consider running for one. Come see how you can become a part of this wonderful group of volunteers.





## Project Information

### Horse

**Teens** - we are looking for teens who would be interested in being a junior leader for the Horse Committee. If you are interested, please submit a letter to the 4-H office by September 8th stating your desire to become part of the Horse Committee.

**Adults** - we are also looking for adults to join the Horse Committee. We have a few committee members whose terms are complete and we need to replace their positions. If you are interested in becoming a part of this committee, please submit a letter of interest to the 4-H office by September 8th.

**September 8th** - Stall clean at 6:00. This will count as one of your clean up days and possibly a clinic for the new 4-H year. For each clinic we hold at the Fairgrounds, we incur expenses that add to our obligation to the Fairgrounds. Come help us clean stalls and pay off some of our bill to the Fairgrounds. Call Shannon at 388-0886 to let her know you will be there.

The next horse committee meeting is Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:30 at the Kountry Korner Café.

### Photography

Hi photography members! I've been thinking about our upcoming 4-H year and have decided to change things a little for the photography program. I'd like to only have 2-3 meetings. A fall, a winter/spring and maybe a night sky meeting. For fall, pinhole cameras and fall leaf photography is on the agenda. I would love to hear any ideas you might have for the coming year. I would like to know what days are best for you to meet and what you would like to do at meetings. What do you want to photograph? What do you want to learn? Let me know. I hope to put together a fun year!! Thanks, Kathy 581-8763 or email [dokainc@bresnan.net](mailto:dokainc@bresnan.net)

### Swine

Swine carcass data results, Tuesday, 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Belgrade High School. You must be present in order to receive any carcass money.



### *JUNIOR LEADERS! Start your 4-H year off with a strike!*

If you are 4-H member 14 or older, you're invited to the kick-off event for the Gallatin County Jr. Leader group. We will be bowling at the Bozeman Bowl on Sunday afternoon, **October 5** from 1 - 3:30. Bring \$10 to cover your games, shoes and pizza. Adults are welcome, but you will have to pay a little more for your game & shoes.

### 4-H Small Animals Meeting – (submitted by Brenda Townsend)

On Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at a location to be determined later, the small animal projects would like to hold a meeting to show all interested members what these projects are all about. Representatives from the poultry, rabbit, pocket pets, pigeons and cat projects will be there to answer questions and give a short presentation. There will be representatives from the poultry, rabbit, pocket pets, pigeons and cat project available to answer questions and help you get started. Each project will do a quick talk on where to get your animal and basic housing requirements. Follow-up meetings to be held monthly will cover topics such as feed, breeds of a species, quality care and showing the animals. A mentoring system will also be established, with older members paired up with newer, younger members to answer any questions or provide assistance as needed.





## Attention All 4-H Clubs

### Advice for Starting the New 4-H Year Off Right

Plan Your Year (give guidance but let kids make choices - don't forget to have fun!)

Recruit Help! Elect New Officers! Pick up your planning guide at the 4-H Office.

- a. Community Service (choose at least 1 project as club)- ask office for ideas
- b. Fundraisers (decide how to raise money for camp, fair, club events, etc.) - office has materials
- c. Field Trips (learn & have fun)
- d. Guests (informative and fun)
- e. Club Demos (relaxed atmosphere – have each kid do 1, prepares them for Demonstration Day.)

## 4-H Club Officers and Roles

The officer and committee system is a good way of dividing jobs and responsibilities among club members in an orderly way. The number of officers needed is determined by the size and type of club. Club officers are usually elected annually, near the beginning of the 4-H year. One of the Leaders or parents should be responsible for helping officers carry out their responsibilities. Encourage the officers to attend officer training when it is offered at the county or state level.

**President** – Prepares the agenda with other officers and Leader, and presides at club meetings. Knows and follows parliamentary procedure. Appoints necessary committees. Works with Leaders to see that meetings run smoothly. Checks on meeting arrangements.

**Vice-President** – Assumes duties of President in his/her absence. Has responsibility to see that committees are working on assigned tasks.

**Secretary** – Keeps complete and accurate records/minutes of each business meeting. Writes all club correspondence. Keeps club roll and all other club records up to date.

**Treasurer** – Handles all club money. Keeps accurate and up to date financial records. Collects dues (if applicable). All checks should be co-signed with the organizational leader.

**Historian** – Maintains and updates the clubs history book to preserve information for future club members.

**Reporter** - Writes news stories about meetings and special events for the local newspaper.



## Help Us Help You ???

Help us make your newsletter better. We want to pass along information to you but are not sure you are getting what you need. Are we too wordy, not interesting enough, or are there too many articles and you do not know what is pertinent to you? What can the office staff do to assist you? What would you like to see? What would you like us to do to make things better for you? We are open to suggestions and would like your input. It can be strictly anonymous or you can let us know who you are and what you would like. Please communicate your wants and needs. We are here to serve you. Anything you want to see on the website? Forward club minutes, happenings, events, pictures, ... and we will post them at [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com). You can either e-mail your items to [gallatin1@montana.edu](mailto:gallatin1@montana.edu) or mail them to 201 West Madison, Suite 300, Belgrade, MT 59714.



### Attention All Market Sale Kids -

Hopefully by now you have sent a Thank You to your Buyers!!! Did you let our office know that you sent or hand delivered a Thank You to your buyer? We still have a few kids we have not heard from. Before we send your market sale check, you must be crossed off the list. Call us if you are not sure your name has been checked off.

### National 4-H Week October 5-11 "Keeping It Green"

Once again, this is the chance to start planning a great window display this year. Show pride in your 4-H club by placing a display in the window of any area business. The display should show activities and accomplishments in 4-H with pictures, awards, contact information (club or the 4-H office), and fun decorations. Put up your displays during September or the first part of October. Call the 4-H office at 388-3213 and let us know by October 3 where your display is so it can be judged.



### Prudential Spirit of Community Award Program

Once again, you have the opportunity to gain statewide or even national recognition for 4-Hers in your county who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer community service by participating in the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The search is on to find our top youth volunteer. If you know of someone who has made a difference through a volunteer activity during the past year, you are encouraged to fill out an application for recognition by October 31, 2008. A state-level judging committee will pick the top youth volunteers in each state. The top high school and middle level volunteer will receive silver medallions, \$1,000 awards and a trip to Washington, D.C. In Washington, a national selection committee will name America's top 10 youth volunteers for 2009. Top recognition prizes will include a \$5,000. a gold medallion, and crystal trophy as well as \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for charitable nonprofit organizations of their choice. Call the Office at 388-3213 for complete details.

### Fairgrounds Balances Due By Project:

Beef: \$54.70	Horse: \$4,959.58	Skateboarding: \$260.75
Dairy Cow: Credit of (\$44.00)	Horticulture: Credit of (\$800.00)	Swine: \$180.65
Dog: \$443.40	Marketing: \$108.00	Wood: \$69.83
Dog Obedience: \$269.63	Pocket Pets: \$244.25	4-H: Credit of (\$631.68)
Fly Tying: \$178.30	Poultry: \$18.80	
Foods: \$96.00	Rabbit: Credit of (\$22.70)	
Gallatin Valley Livestock: Credit of (\$316.15)	Round Robin: \$174.63	Total Owed: \$4,907.49
Gateway Challengers: Credit of (\$111.00)	Sheep: Credit of (\$225.50)	

### Doney College Scholarship Available

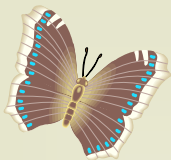
The Frank and Vera Doney Scholarship was established in December 2005 and is available for distribution at the 4-H Awards Banquet each fall. Eligible applicants must be seniors in high school (2008 graduates), were enrolled in Gallatin County 4-H, and plan to study an agriculturally related major in higher education (including equine science and vet medicine). Interested 4-H members may apply for the \$500 award by filling out the county awards application found on our website at [gallatinextension.com](http://gallatinextension.com) or by calling 388-3213. The application is very straightforward and is due by September 9<sup>th</sup>. Get yours in soon! This scholarship is made possible through a generous donation by Ellis and Bette Doney, Robert and Kathy Doney, and Arlene Doney Weppeler in memory of Frank and Vera Doney.

### Grant Funds Available

Your Gallatin 4-H Foundation has funds available for 4-H purposes in Gallatin County. Grants may be awarded for member/leader training, new project development, existing project improvements, new club start up, community service projects, and much more. Applications are available in the Extension Office and on-line. The Quarterly deadlines are: September 30th, December 31st, March 31st, June 30th.







**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting  
MacKenzie River Pizza, Belgrade  
August 12, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm by Secretary Leia Miller. Members present were: Betsy Heckel, Laura Lee Harvey, Leia Miller, Chris Phipps, Kelley Phipps, Faith Poet, Ginny Francis, Shay Fiegi. Guests present were Codi Francis, Karissa Woienski, Sandra Fiegi and Sarah Phipps.

**Secretary Report.** Laura Lee made a motion to table report until next month due to no meeting in July, seconded by Betsy. Motion carried. Received Thank You's from Sarah Phipps for Camp and Tim Gaworski for National Shooting Sports Scholarships.

**Treasurers Report:** Ginny made a motion, seconded by Chris, to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Motion carried.

**Public Comment.**

- Guest speaker, Paul Snider, a shooting sports representative presented an opportunity for 4-H. The Belgrade Garage will give back 5% of the total charge for work that is done to a 4-H family's vehicle. We would place an ad in the newsletter. This is a way that the Belgrade Garage could give back to the community. The give back would go towards a scholarship. Laura Lee made a motion, seconded by Betsy to set up a general scholarship fund. Motion passed.
- Karissa Woienski participated in the Public Speaking Contest at 4-H Congress and placed second overall. She qualified to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA, November 27 – December 2, 2008. A deposit of \$300 is needed by the end of August. Leia made a motion, seconded by Laura Lee, to pay for the registration fee of \$300. Motion passed. Ginny motioned to set aside \$525 from the National 4-H Congress budget line item for the remainder of her fees, seconded by Betsy. Motion passed. Karissa expressed her thanks for the support she received to attend both State and National 4-H Congress.
- Codi Francis thanked the council for sending her to National Shooting Sports competition. It was a great experience. Montana pistol team won a medal, Codi placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall.
- Sarah Phipps thanked the council for granting assistance to attend summer camp. She had a great time; it was one of the best times in her life. She really enjoyed the zip line and hike.

**Committee and Leader Reports.**

**Fair Planning:** Fair wrap-up meeting at the Fairgrounds, 5:30 on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Will have a 4-H post Fair meeting after Labor Day. Nice comments from public. Great displays.

**Strategic Planning:** Ice Cream Social prior to fair was a great planning meeting. Outcomes indicated that a more formal Junior Leader group was needed they will begin to meet this fall.

**Summer Camp Planning.** Spent more due to weather circumstances and changing the camp location. All costs were combined in one fee from the camp site

**Bylaws Committee.** A draft of the by-laws was handed out for everyone to look over. Come back at the next council meeting with comments or suggestions. Discussion will be at next meeting. Proposed changes can be voted in after second reading.

**Old Business:**

**4-H Park II:** A great project and good community use. Set up watering system for both parks. Commissioners community group want 4-H represented to start funds for Events systems "master plan" of Fairgrounds. Betsy volunteered to go to quarterly meetings.

**Fair Ribbon Sponsorship.** NorthWestern Energy sponsored. Ideas were put forth to increase the awareness of the sponsorship: include the address to send to in the newsletter, Put signs up in all barns. To reduce cost of purchasing ribbons, we could ask for the ribbons to be donated back.

**Fair Concessions.** Discussed providing a gift certificate for the concession manager. Betsy will call Dan to find out the accounting details on increasing overall payment. Ginny made a motion to pay \$100 bonus, plus reimburse for mileage for traveling back & forth, seconded by Betsy. Motion carried.

**Cloverbud Camp:** Re-scheduled for Aug 15 due to lack of registrations.

**Summer Camp:** Overage, see above.

**License Plate:** Legislation will be looking at abundance of specialty license plates, 4-H plate will be under-review in the coming year. This year to date \$600 has been received from the license plate fund.

**Willow Creek Classic.** Country Classic Dairy donated milk. Wheat Montana donated breads and IGA provided a reduced grocery bill that was still more expensive than the charged cost of the camp. Will investigate other counties involved about splitting overall costs and report next month.

**New Business**

**Ribbons:** Question was raised to reimburse difference on Horse ribbons. Ginny moved that ribbons for any project supported be 4-H funds would be covered by 4-H funds. Shay seconded. The motion was defeated.

**Scholarship request for Rocky Mountain Sewing Festival:** Three applications were received for attendance. Laura Lee moved to give \$250 per person to go to Rocky Mtn Sewing Festival. Betsy seconded. Discussion revealed that others may attend and funds were available. The motion was amended to provide \$300 per person for 5 people to attend Rocky Mountain Sewing Festival. If more than 5 apply to attend, the \$300 would be taken from the Bar J Wrangler account. Funds to attend will come from budget items: Special Projects- \$200, Legislative Breakfast -\$200, Western Leaders Forum- \$300, Livestock- \$200, Misc.- \$250, County Training- \$350, for a total of \$1,500. Motion as amended was passed.

**Awards Banquet:** Monday, September 22. Location will be in newsletter

**Awards committee:** Meet September 10, 2008 at 6:00.

**CD Renewal:** Ginny moved, seconded by Laura Lee, to renew CD. Motion passed.



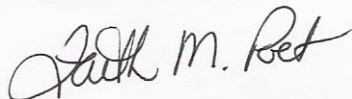
Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Leia Miller, Secretary

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### POI (Points of Information)

Happy Autumn All!

Here are some important dates to remember as we start the new 4-H year!

- **September 9 – Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting** –6:30 PM MacKenzie River Pizza in Belgrade
  - ⇒ If you have received a scholarship or support from the council please make a point to come and let the council know how your event went (i.e. An easy way to say Thanks)!
- **Sept. 22 – Awards Night** – 6:00 PM – Beall Park Rec. Center (First Day of Fall)
  - ⇒ We'll have dinner and give out some well-deserved awards
- **Sept. 26-27 – 4-H Leaders Forum** – Great Falls, MT – Registration taken until Sept. 16
  - ⇒ Call the office for more information.
- **October 5 - Junior Leader Group Meeting** 1:00-3:30 at the Bozeman Bowl, bring \$10.00
  - ⇒ Let's start the year off with some fun!
- **October 5-11 – NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**
  - ⇒ Think of things your club or group can do to promote 4-H in Gallatin County!
- **RE-Enrollment has begun!** Enrollment forms are available at the office in Belgrade or from your club leader. Be sure to get your paperwork in before the deadline to avoid late fees!
- **Summer Camp T-shirts** - Stop by the 4-H office and pick up your t-shirt if you attended the Summer Camp.

*Faith*